



ARIZONA CENTENNIAL

USPS First Day Issue Ceremony

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer
Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 10 a.m.
Arizona Capitol Museum, outside on Main Stage

Isn't that the most fabulous Statehood Stamp!

Thank you, John, for your kind and gracious words about our beloved Arizona.

Arizona certainly has been richly blessed with magnificent beauty.

In fact, those of us who live here -- or anyone who has visited -- knows that Arizona is among one of the most beautiful places in the whole world.

Our Statehood Stamp perfectly captures an Arizona that's filled with natural treasures and scenic beauty.

Rising majestically from the unique red earth of the region, Cathedral Rock inspires wonder and awe as one of the most spectacular rock formations in Sedona -- and among the most photographed natural beauties in Arizona.

It's fitting that Cathedral Rock is the image for the Forever Stamp because it's located within Yavapai County -- one of the FOUR original Arizona counties formed in September of 1864 -- one year after the Arizona Territory was established by President Abraham Lincoln.

Originally 65,000 square miles, Yavapai County was called the "Mother of Counties" because Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa and Navajo Counties all were later formed from it. Additionally, the territorial government was also born in Yavapai County.

So, thank you to the United States Postal Service for the creation of this beautiful Arizona stamp; and thanks also

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To John Edgar for joining us today;

To Stamp Art Director Richard Sheaff;

And, to our very own Ed Mell for his artistic painting that gave inspiration to this beautiful stamp.

I hope you'll treasure the Forever Arizona Statehood Stamp -- available until they are sold out -- which I'm sure won't be for long.

Enjoy them -- collect them -- and certainly use them with pride to invite your friends and family to visit and experience Arizona!

May God continue to bless our great state of Arizona -- and may God always bless and protect the United States of America.

Thank you.

